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Tackling training ensures wing is deployment ready

By Col. James N. Stewart Commander, 514th AMW

Spring is here! Time to tackle some of those tough tasks we have been putting off for awhile...like preparing our taxes, planting a garden, cleaning, etc. Well, in the front office there are some tough tasks that need to be addressed as well. As you have probably heard by now, I will be leaving

you in June to become the Air Force Reserve Inspector General at Robins Air Force Base, Ga. Since I'll be leaving soon, I want to tackle several of those tough projects before I depart. The first of these is to ensure that everyone is trained to do their wartime mission now and into the future! Therefore, our focus in the next few months will be on training. Why?

There is a youth movement afoot within our wing and Air Force Reserve Command. If you look around your organization, you are likely to find a large number of people in one of two categories - those "experienced" folks in their 40s or early 50s or those "youngsters" in their late teens to mid-20s who are serving in their first or second enlistment.

To our "experienced" folks – While these demographics are hardly shocking to most of us, it is of great concern to me when I look at our percentage of "fully qualified" folks versus those people who are in "training status." Only a few years ago, we received fully qualified personnel straight from active duty. Most arrived already holding a five, if not a seven-level qualification in their field. It was our responsibility to get the new recruit through their final upgrade training and keep them current.

However, today is different. The majority of our newcomers arrive with no prior experience at all or have just graduated from technical school. This dramatic change in the level of experience places a tremendous burden on our unit and command to stay mission ready. I need your help to properly train each member of your shop to a level of proficiency where you would be delighted

to see them if you were a deployed shop supervisor.

For the younger folks – Be patient.... your time to shine is coming soon. For now, try to learn as much as you can from your more experienced shop leaders. Ask questions, stand over their shoulders, do what you have to do to make sure that you know how to do your job. Once you have observed a time or two, ask your trainer to let you complete the task

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> — Col. James N. Stewart Commander, 514th Air Mobility Wing

while he or she observes. Remember, over the next few years many of the people you now turn to for help and training will be retired and fishing or playing golf on unit training assembly weekends. So take every opportunity to gain experience while many of these teachers are with you.

Now you might ask, "Why is he placing so much emphasis on individual readiness?" Here is why! In today's environment, reservists are being called up by unit type code specialty or worse yet, one's and two's. The individual reservists arrive at a deployed location and report to a shop supervisor who in many cases is an active duty member. Our wing and Reserve credibility as a force provider is on the line. Thus, it is imperative that our newly deployed people be well trained and prepared. Otherwise, all of us in this wing have failed!

The war on terror will be a long and arduous journey to victory. To meet the challenges ahead, you need to be ready! Therefore, as part of your list of spring projects, make sure that personal readiness is included!

Thank you and remember to work and play safely! Your family, friends, and country need every member of this magnificent "Freedom Wing"!

CCAF students to graduate in May

Thirty-three 514th Air Mobility Wing members recently completed credits earning them their Associates degree from the Community College of the Air Force. Wing members are invited to attend the graduation ceremony set for 3 p.m. May 23 at the Collocated Club. The following members will receive diplomas:

Tech. Sgt. Michelle Addison, 76th ARS Master Sgt. Joan Alves, 714th AES Tech. Sgt. Tanya Anderson, 514th ASTS Tech. Sgt. Alvaro Bonilla, 514th CS Staff Sgt. Nicole Bristol, 514th SVS Tech. Sgt. Conchita Brooks, 514th ASTS Staff Sgt. Robert Christensen, 714th AMXS Tech. Sgt. Robert Covucci, 514th CES Tech. Sgt. Edward Czermak, 514th MXS Master Sgt. Nancy Davis, 714th AES Senior Airman Alexis Giordano, 514th AMXS Tech. Sgt. Lindsay Harte, 714th AES *Master Sgt. Grafton Hunley, 514th MSS Staff Sgt. Kevin Hyde, 514th MSS SSgt. Luc Jean, 514th ASTS

*Senior Master Sgt. Rachelle Jones, 514th ASTS Staff Sgt. Daniel Kessler, 514th CS Senior Airman Stephen Kincaid, 514th AMXS Master Sgt. Saprina Lavoil, 514th AMDS Staff Sgt. Melanie McCarthy, 514th MSS Master Sgt. Amy Miller, 514th ASTS Chief Master Sgt. Milton Newton, 514th CS Staff Sgt. Jessica Osmer, 78th ARS Staff Sgt. Kimberly Presbery, 514th MSS Master Sgt. Deborah Riffenburg, 514th CS Tech. Sgt. Erick Rivera, 76th ARS Staff Sgt. Yalanda Sirmons, 514th AMDS Senior Master Sgt. Edward Thomas, 714th AES Master Sgt. Luisita Vega, 514th AMDS Senior Master Sgt. Kevin Warbrick, 714th AES Staff Sgt. Peter Whalen, 514th MOF Staff Sgt. Patrice Whaley, 514th AMDS *Master Sgt. Noel Williams, 514th ASTS

Three sergeants earn PEP stripe

Effective April 1, the following noncommissioned officers were promoted to their new rank: Tech. Sgt. Miriam Carpio-Hospedales, 514th SFS Master Sgt. Christopher Parrott, 714th AMXS Senior Master Sgt. Christopher Rogers, 514th MXS

Mid-level NCOs complete leadership course

The following wing members graduated the 514th Air Mobility Wing Noncommissioned Officer Leadership Course in March: Tech. Sgt. Charles Ancrum, 514th ASTS Staff Sgt. Tanya Anderson, 514th ASTS Staff Sgt. Stephanie Bates, 514th ASTS Staff Sgt. Gillian Bracy, 514th ASTS Staff Sgt. Angela Burrough, 514th ASTS Staff Sgt. Erin Dere, 514th ASTS Tech. Sgt. William Dotson, 714th AMXS Staff Sgt. Lenthel Drachler, 514th ASTS Tech. Sgt. Kelly Dykeman, 514th CS

Staff Sgt. Josecarlo Francisco, 514th ASTS Staff Sgt. Bruce McCormick, 78th ARS Tech. Sgt. Joseph McGann, 78th ARS Staff Sgt. Kimberly Presbery, 514th MSS Staff Sgt. Eunique Scales, 35th APS Staff Sgt. Cornelius Service, 514th MSS Staff Sgt. Skeera Stephens, 514th ASTS Staff Sgt. James Taylor, 514th ASTS Staff Sgt. Jacqueline Todd, 514th MSS Tech. Sgt. Henri Torain, 514th AMW Staff Sgt. Fedno Trompe, 514th ASTS

VIBES: April is Month of the Military Child. How do you help your children cope when military duty conflicts with important family events?



Tech. Sgt. David Cleveland 514th ASTS

I tell my I child know she is the most important person in my life and that what I do during these times benefits her future. Basically I do it because I love you!



Master Sgt. Theresa Cooper 514th MSG

I talk about the importance of my job and sometimes we need to make sacrifices. I let her know she is important too and I try to make it up to her in some way, i.e. a day out shopping, movies, etc.



Master Sgt. Todd McAlister 514th CS

Before each deployment I like to chat with my kids about how important our jobs are. I let them know about the toys I will bring back too. This seems to make the waiting go faster.



Master Sgt. Juan Saharig 714th AES

Fortunately I have good family support. They help with those special events. My eldest daughter understands and we record those times too. Thankfully these conflicts are minimal.



Capt. Maria Van Gelder 514th AES

I tell my children how much mommy, the nurses and med techs who fly on the planes help the hurt and sick people by taking them to hospitals where they can get well again.

^{*}Member earned two CCAF degrees.

BRIEFS

Commander's call set

Commander's call will be held May 7 at 8:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. The following units should attend during the following scheduled time: 0830 1400

514th AMW 514th OG 514th AMDS 514th OSS 88th APS 732nd AS 714th AMXS 514th AES 514th MXG 514th ALCF 514th MOF 76th ARS

514th MOF 514th MXS 514th AMXS

C-141 moves to display

May 26 volunteers will move Team McGuire's remaining C-141B Starlifter to a cement pedestal directly across the road from Andrews Federal Credit Union and on the corner where the 621st Contingency Response Wing is located.

722nd ASTS

Clothing sales closes

The Army and Air Force Exchange Military Clothing Sales is now closed Sundays. Operating hours are 10 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday. To contact MCSS call (609) 723-2307.

Awards and Dec summit

Unit awards and decorations writers can attend one of four Awards

and Decs summits offered at 10 a.m. April 20 and at 8:30 a.m. April 22, May 7 and May 21 in the wing conference room in building 2217.

Attendees will learn a simplified format for preparing and submitting award citations. Reservations are not required. For more information contact Lt. Col. Raymond Douglas, wing executive officer at (609) 754-5216.

EAD nominations due

Nominations to attend the 2006 Employer Appreciation Day are due at the wing public affairs office by May 1. Reserve members can submit a maximum of two employers. Family members are not permitted to attend.

Forms are available at each unit and in Building 2217 just outside room 20. Completed forms can be faxed to (609) 754-5066 or mailed to: 514 AMW/PA, 2217 W. Arnold Ave., McGuire Air Force Base 08641. Direct questions to Master Sgt. Donna T. Jeffries at (609) 754-3487

Case lot sale begins

A case lot sale is set for 10 a.m. until 6 p.m., May 25 through 27 at the McGuire/Fort Dix/Lakehurst Commissary.



Air Force photo courtesy of deployed forces

APS DEPLOYED - Members of the 35th and 88th Aerial Port Squadrons are running the entire aerial port operations at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan. More than 45 aerial porters are midway through a 120-day Aerospace Expeditionary Force deployment where officials indicate they are setting records on the amount of cargo and number of passengers they have moved over the last several months.

Fort Dix dining facility to become alternate eatery

Wing reservists will have the option of using a designated dining facility on Fort Dix after April 29 when Halverson Hall Dining Facility, here, is set to close for renovations.

The renovation period will last about 4 months and is slated to reopen Sept. 1 according to 514th Air Mobility Wing service officials. The renovated dining facility will have new plumbing, carpeted floors, updated tiling and a game room-themed dining area.

More information about alternate dining on Fort Dix will be available during the May unit training assembly.

Lunch and learn

Female panel shares personal stories of military progression



Photos by Master Sgt. Donna T. Jeffries
Lt. Col. Katherine
Johnson, commander of
the 514th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron is one of
six panelist at the March
11 Lunch and Learn.

While munching on sandwiches and fruit, an audience mostly of women, heard the struggles and accomplishments of six female counterparts during the 514th Air Mobility Wing's Lunch and Learn, an observance of Women's History Month.

The theme for the March 11 and 25 affair was "Acknowledge the Past, Embrace the Present and Create the Future." At lunch each featured panelist representing a variety of military career fields, rank and cultural backgrounds, addressed those topics.

The audience responded positively to the forum with many describing it as an op-

portunity to appreciate how far women in the military have come and saying it instilled confidence that they too can achieve like goals.

"This was informative, worthwhile and long overdue," said Capt. Stephanie Sweet from 514th Services Flight.

Chief Master Sgt. Mary Alden, 514th Air Mobility Wing command chief master Sgt. said the woman's committee will make this an annual event.

Preceding the lunch, an all-female group photo was taken at Pudgy's Circle to commemorate the month. Photos will be available for purchase in the near future.



Two audience members at the March Lunch and Learn listen attentively to a panelist.

Diamonds and nuggets: First sergeants and their words of wisdom

As the enlisted right-hand person to squadron commanders, first sergeants play an important role in each unit ensuring communication is flowing up and down the chain of command and ensuring their troops's welfare are taken care of.

Part of the first sergeant job entails providing guidance and mentorship to its members. Keeping in line with that task the 514th Air Mobility Wing first sergeants provide the following bits of wisdom:



"I believe you must stay focused on your goals and accept when the goals change. Everything happens for a reason. What you make of the experience is eventually what your legacy in life becomes."

514th AMW Chief Master Sgt. Mary Alden



"The Air Force sent me to the First Sergeant Academy and bestowed the diamond on my sleeve but it's the men and women in the units of whom I have served that have made me earn it."

514th AMDS Master Sqt. Eric Griffin



"If you treat people well they will react positively and treat you well in return."

514th MSS Master Sgt. James Lanigan



"On your road to success remember those who have guided you on your journey."

514th LRF Master Sgt. Henry Padua



I live by this one... "If you come to a situation and there is a problem, and you do nothing to correct the problem... then you are part of the problem!"

514th CES Senior Master Sqt. Timothy Leary



"Take ownership of yourself and your career. Seek and accept guidance from others. Be a leader but know when to follow. Step up and take the reins."

514th CS Master Sgt. Stephanie Clark



"It's up to every member of the wing to get the job done. Instead of making excuses why things can't get done, find the answer to make it happen."

514th SFS Senior Master Sgt. Joseph Dykeman



"Being a first sergeant isn't about what you get, (except for satisfaction) it's about what you can give to your unit, wing and the Air Force."

35th APS Master Sgt. Gill Morales





"Follow your core ideals; excel in all things...
Never go below your standards and never lower your standards to other's expectations."

514th OSS Master Sgt. Darren Marsh



"Live with passion everyday and in everything you do. Passion fuels your dreams. Luck is defined as chanced opportunity. Passion coupled with luck will make your dreams become a reality."

Senior Master Sgt. Michael Ferraro



"When our lives appear to become more difficult than usual, remember, it's only as difficult as the choices we make."

76th ARS Master Sgt. Charles Butts



"Two thirds of promotions is in "motion" – Out of all the things you wear expression is the most important."

78th ARS Senior Master Sgt. Lloyd Knight



"A successful career contains two important elements; a plan for where you want to go and never forgetting where you came from."

714th AES Master Sgt. Kevin Warbrick



"Being a first sergeant is an opportunity to be a mentor to all enlisted members regardless if they are in your unit or not; providing guidance so they can achieve their highest potential."

514th MOF Master Sgt. Mary Jane Flammer



"Service before self is easy to say, but to live it in everything we do is the hardest task."

514th AMXS Senior Master Sgt. Anthony Moye



"Be the one 'Wingman' who helps rescue an airman approaching the edge — let your example be that which would pull out those who've already fallen over."

714th AMXS Master Sgt. Russell Jacobus



"It takes everyone believing in Team McGuire's 'One Team, One Theme' philosophy and a true commitment to the Air Force Core values in order for the 514th and 305th Air Mobility Wings to be truly effective."

Senior Master Sgt. Lytel Johnson

Vacant positions

The following units have first sergeant positions that are vacant or in transition: 514th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, the 514th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron and the 88th Aerial Port Squadron.

For information about becoming a first sergeant contact Master Sgt. John Pennell at (609) 754-2043.

Transitions

Col. James L. Kerr becomes the new commander of the 514th Air Mobility Wing in June when Col. James N. Stewart, current commander, begins his new assignment as the Inspector General for the Air Force Reserve Command at Robins Air Force Base, Ga. Colonel Kerr comes to New Jersey from Beale Air Force Base, Calif., where he is the commander, 940th Air Refueling Wing.

Lt. Col. Anthony R. Baity will relinquish command of the 514th Maintenance Group in July to Colonel Baity has been selected



Lt. Col. Anthony Baity 514th MXG

to attend the Industrial College of the Air Force in Washington, D.C. As press time, the name of Col Baity's replacement has not been officially announced.

Lt. Col.

Jon Spare, former 514th AMW flight safety officer, replaces Lt. Col. James P. Scanlan as commander of the 76th Air Refueling Squadron during a change of command ceremony April 8.

SPOUSE FLIGHT - Mai. Bill Polise of the 76th Air Refueling Squadron and his wife, Pam, listen to a preflight mission brief. Mrs. Polise was one of 14 women to participate in squadron's spouse orientation flight in March. Cover photo: Spouses of the wing's KC-10 aircrew pose for a picture prior to departing on their flight where they witnessed an air refueling mission.



Photo by Master Sgt. Donna T. Jeffries

514th members head "out to the ballgame"

Tickets are on sale for the Air Force Appreciation Night with the Trenton Thunder minor league baseball team July 8 at the Waterfront Park, Trenton, N.J.

All wing members including family and civilians are invited to come watch the Trenton Thunder as they take on the Binghamton Mets. The game begins at 7:05 p.m. with a reserve member set to throw the first pitch and the wing honor guard will present the colors.

Cost is \$6 per ticket. Civilian attire is authorized.

A re-enlistment ceremony will be held before the game begins. Those eligible and wishing to re-enlist at this time must

contact public affairs at (609) 754-3487 to put their name on the list. They must also contact their unit career advisor to review their re-enlistment package. Members who are within six months of their estimated time of separation are eligible. Re-enlistment participants must also wear the battle dress uniform or flight suit.

Additionally the seventh inning stretch will feature a wing member or group singing. Recruiting will have a booth out front of the ballpark and a fireworks display is set immediately following the game.

Transportation is being arranged for those need it. Details will be publicized soon. For more information contact public affairs.

Command and wing emblems meet HQ approval

It's official. The Air Force Reserve Command patch is now

to be worn in place of the Air Mobility Command patch and the design submitted for the new 514th Air Mobility Wing emblem is approved for use.

The AFRC patch was recently approved for wear by Lt. Gen. John Bradley, commander, Air Force Reserve Command.

FORCE RESERVE COMM The general also gave the 514th AMW emblem its stamp of approval in March.

Tech. Sgt. John Lacomia, former wing historian won the 514th AMW Patch redesign contest. Set against a red, white and blue background, the design elements signify the following: The globe stands for the wing's global mission and reach. The four stars signify excellence in the 514th AMW's Operations,

Maintenance, Mission Support and Medical Care. The final element depicted by two shooting arrows represent the KC-10 Stratotanker and C-17 Globemaster III, both air-

craft assigned to the wing. The design is currently

in a review and production process with the selected manufacturer to produce the

subdued and color patches to be worn on the battle dress and flight suit uniforms.

Wing officials anticipate the patch to be made available at each wing unit by May 31.

Deadline for both patches to be sewn on the uniform is Oct. 31.

Reservists earn awards for service in war

By Jerry White
Air Force Reserve Command Historical Services

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – Air Force reservists who deploy in support of the Global War on Terrorism need to ensure they receive credit for their service.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, nearly 30,000 have been mobilized and thousands more have volunteered to serve at home and abroad.

Many of them have served in combat with virtually every unit to see action in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Expeditionary rescue and C-130 airlift units, in particular, have relied on reservists and their equipment to perform the mission.

To ensure deployed people receive the awards they are entitled to, Central Air Forces, the Air Force component of U.S. Central Command, set up a Web site: https://www.mil.centaf.af.mil/Directorates/A1/CENTAF%20AWARDS/main.htm listing individual and unit awards.

Any reservist who served in OEF or OIF can go to this site and select the "unit awards" button to review the approved awards, listed in unit order. If there is an award for the expeditionary wing or group they served with and the award dates cover the period they were deployed in the combat zone, the reservist can print out the order, take it and other proof of deployment/assignment to their servicing military personnel flight. The MPF will then add the award to their personnel records.

CENTAF's unit award approval process is an on-going effort. Reservists who have recently deployed and do not see their unit listed should check this page periodically. Links to information for Global War on Terrorism service medals and individual decorations are also found there.

Several Air Force Reserve Command units have received recognition for their service in OEF and OIF.

Central Air Forces awarded the Meritorious Unit Award to the 919th Operations Group, Duke Field, Fla., for the period of Oct. 19, 2001, to July 1, 2003. Members of the 919th OG, which includes the 5th and 711th Special Operations Squadrons and

919th Operations Support Squadron, flew more than 1,861 MC-130 combat missions totaling more than 5,000 combat hours in both Iraq and Afghanistan. They were among the first U.S. forces to conduct combat operations over both countries.

Reservists in the 446th Airlift Wing's 728th Airlift Squadron from McChord AFB, Wash., earned the same award between Feb. 14, 2003, and Feb. 13, 2005. One of its many accomplishments was having three of the 15 crews in an historic C-17 combat airdrop over northern Iraq.

Two Air Force Reserve A-10 units – the 442nd Fighter Wing and its 303rd Fighter Squadron from Whiteman AFB, Mo., and the 926th FW and its 706th FS from Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base New Orleans, La. – received the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with a V device for Valor. They got the award for service in Afghanistan as part of OEF for the period of April 2, 2002, to July 31, 2002.

An AFOUA with Valor also went to the 466th FS from Hill AFB, Utah, for the period of Jan. 1, 2003, to May 21, 2003. The only LITENING-pod equipped F-16 unit in combat operations in Iraq, squadron pilots flew 40 percent of their wing's combat missions with only 16 percent of the wing's pilots and aircraft assigned.

Most recently, McChord's 446th OG was awarded an AFOUA with Valor for Oct. 1, 2003, to Sept. 30, 2005, recognizing its work in supporting the Global War on Terrorism, especially in airlifting troops and equipment into Iraq after the northern front was opened.

Anyone assigned to and deployed with these units, including the various support units, such aircraft maintenance, etc., during these periods are entitled to these awards.

The Air Force Historical Research Agency at Maxwell AFB, Ala., will add these awards to the unit's lineage and honors history. Units that receive these awards are authorized streamers for their flags and guidons.

As a new award, the Meritorious Unit Award streamer is not yet available in the supply system. However, procurement is in progress and MUA streamers are expected to be available in the near future.

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Photo by Scott Spitzer

BOARDROOM READY - New Jersey Congressman Jim Saxton speaks at the ribbon cutting ceremony of the 514th Air Mobility Wing's newly renovated conference room March 17 in building 2217. The conference room, now called the Heritage Room, is a state-of-the-art boardroom fully equipped with the latest audio, computer and video technology.

Headquarters AF realigns similar to 'J-staff' model

The Air Staff at Headquarters Air Force has adopted a new organizational structure that closely mirrors the Army's G-staff, the Navy's N-staff and the joint J-staff. Air Force major commands and warfighter headquarters will follow suit by May 1.

Similar functions at all levels will be re-mapped to nine standardized A-staff areas of responsibility. These areas include:

- A1 Manpower and Personnel
- A2 Intelligence
- A3 Air, Space and Information Operations
- A4 Logistics
- A5 Plans and Requirements
- A6 Communications
- A7 Installations and Mission Support
- A8 Strategic Plans and Programs
- A9 Analyses, Assessments and Lessons Learned

Not all functions of the Air Staff will be affected by the reorganization. The reorganization will not change special staff offices assigned to the Secretary of the Air Force and will not filter down to the wing level.

For more information read Air Force Print News story at www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123015891.



Photo by Visual Information

Chief Master Sgt. Richard A. Smith of the Air National Guard lights the final candle in a chief master sergeant induction ceremony held March 11 at the Collocated Club here. Ten E-9s were inducted during the 2006 annual event.

Ceremony honors new E-9s

Ten Airmen were inducted into their respective chief's groups March 11 at a Chief Recognition Ceremony at the Collocated Club here. The ceremony honors Airmen who earned the top enlisted rank of E-9 during the past year.

Nine of 10 eligible chiefs were able to attend the event with family and friends. The chiefs were given personalized plaques with the chief's creed handcarved on it.

Guest speaker for the evening was Chief Master Sgt. Richard Smith, command chief master sergeant to the Director, Air National Guard, National Guard Bureau, Washington, D.C.

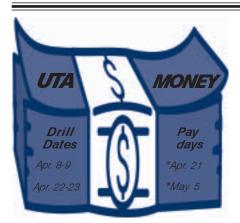
Chief Smith cautioned the honorees not to sit on their laurels now that they made chief; now they must work even harder and ensure they take care of their people.

The 2006 ceremony marks the second year running that a joint effort between the Reserve and Air National Guard chief's groups from the 514th Air Mobility Wing, 108th Air Refueling Wing and the 177th Fighter Wing, was coordinated to hold this function.

2006 chief inductees

The following chief master sergeants from the 514th Air Mobility Wing, 108th Air Refueling Wing here, and the 177th Fighter Wing from Atlantic City, were inducted in the 514th AMW-sponsored Chief Recognition Ceremony held March XX:

Joseph Burns, 514th AMW
Thomas M. Dickson, 108th ARW
Michael R. Francis, 177th FW
Anita Y. Freeman, 514th AMW
William O. Green, 514th AMW
Paul G. Harvey, 514th AMW
*Donald L. Martenz, 177th FW
Linda L. Menser, 514th AMW
Doris D. Sullivan, 514th AMW
John P. Sullivan, 177th FW



*Pay dates are subject to change. For information, contact your unit pay monitor.

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